

## "Knockouts I Have Seen"

This is the first of a series of stories on famous knockouts—knockouts which have gone down into pugilistic history either on account of turning a losing battle into a winning one or because of the sensational manner in which they were landed.

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IN ORDER that we may have a complete understanding right at the start, let us start out on this series by defining what constitutes a knockout.

There are many kinds of them, all classified under that broad and sweeping term of "K. O." In parlance of the glove arena they mean pretty much the same thing to the fight fan—defeat, always defeat—but when analyzed they are all vastly different, each telling its own story.

Here is a general definition of the knockout as it is understood by those who know something of the Queensberry code.

**Knockout—(a)** A condition brought about in a glove contest whereby one man, as a result of a single blow or a succession of blows, renders an opponent unfit to continue the contest or unable to respond inside of ten seconds, as counted by the referee in the ring.

**(b)**—Interference by a referee whose judgment may dictate that it is unwise or unsafe for one of the contestants to attempt to continue the fight.

**(c)**—Failure of one of the contestants to respond to the call of time at the beginning of a round.

**(d)**—Action of a contestant's second in acknowledging defeat by tossing a sponge or towel into the ring during the progress of a round or between rounds.

**Sometimes Used in Theaters.** There are other uses for the term knockout. It is brought in effectively in theatrical parlance to describe a real hit in the way of a play, a sketch, a skit, a song or even the lowly wheeze.

Sometimes the two line gag, made popular in the old days of Ward and Voke, is described as a "real knockout" because it is supposed to have the same effect on an audience as a telling punch on the jaw or in the solar plexus has on a boxer in the ring. It is a laughing knockout, and sometimes termed "scream" and "sneeze," some of which were "real screams."

This series of stories will embody knockouts in all of the broadest sense of the term. It will treat of the tragedy of the steep producer handed out in championship battles and those that are almost championships, as well as the comic side of ring affairs, in bouts of minor importance, some of which were "real screams."

**Sensational Knockouts.** Sensational knockouts have been so frequent in the last 25 years, or since John L. Sullivan, under the able guidance of Billy Madden, brought the five ounce gloves into boxing popularity, that it would be a too difficult task to pick out one that could stand out as the most sensational of all of them.

**McCormick-McCoy Knockout.** For that reason we will approach that portion of the subject with diffidence by stating that the most sensa-

tional knockout ever landed a boxer in Chicago was dealt out by Jack McCormick, then of Philadelphia, with Norman Selby ("Kid McCoy") as the victim.

This battle created more ring chatter at the time than any other because of the prominence just then of McCoy, who looked to be every inch a championship contender. Personally I believe the knockout of Joe Chyniak by Eddie ("Kid") Carter almost three years later at the old American club was its equal in point of sensationalism.

Perhaps even greater as a real thriller was the man who scored the knockout on a stage at the time he was thought to be a very fair trial horse. Everybody felt sorry for the stranger despite the vastness of his physical proportions when he drew off his robe and stood up to face the crowd thought McCoy surely would deal out to him.

McCoy didn't weigh much over 160 pounds at the time and looked like a boy beside the massive 190 pounds of solid front that Jack presented to him. It was plain that McCoy had skill and speed in his favor and his splendid footwork, without being flashy, carried him so nicely out of range that McCormick, during the first minute, was made to look like a truck horse.

A half dozen lightning like lefts to McCormick's face put plenty of pink there and appeared to fluster the big man.

McCormick never let up in his rushing tactics, however, twice sprawling badly as the slippery Kid sidestepped and clipped the big man as he flew by. Then McCoy made a fatal mistake. He still was evidently looking for an opening through which to land that left hook of his. He knew he could bring the giant down with it if he landed.

**Exit McCoy.** McCoy waited near the ropes at the side of the ring, right in the glare of the footlights, and when McCormick came in close, being held off slightly by that tantalizing left. Steadily McCormick leaned backward, dropped his ponderous right arm almost to the floor of the ring and brought it up to the point of McCoy's jaw. It was a clean knockout.

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## TOUGHER ROADS TO UNITE

### New Orleans Promoters Cease Fighting and Form Partnership.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 12.—The decision of D. J. Tortorich, the New Orleans promoter, to join hands with Tommy Burns, the former heavyweight champion, will no doubt add a boost for the game in the Crescent city.

Tom Burns entered the boxing game in New Orleans after Tom McCarey, the promoter, decided to give up the idea of locating there and the champion stuck to his last.

Then began a war for matches between the man who had been kept the boxing game alive in New Orleans for the past 10 years and the newcomer. It promised to prove disastrous to both.

It was the same old mistake of one trying to outbid the other, with the result that the boxers got practically all of the receipts and promoters did the "digging."

It was Dominick Tortorich who worked his head off to get the boxing fight passed, but the boxers never have fought when it came to making matches.

Then both Tortorich and Burns began to realize what they were doing for the fighters and managers so they wisely concluded to stop bidding sky high prices and join forces.

Tom Burns had said that he would stage a Clabby-Gibbons fight, but it developed that Tortorich had Gibbons signed to a contract that was binding. It is planned by Dominick to stage three big championship matches next winter during the race season and Mardi Gras, the first to be between lightweights and the second between middleweights and wino of the carnival with a title match between heavyweights.

It will mean a lot of betterment of the boxing game in the old Crescent city.

**Boxing Fight for Clabby.** The first match of importance under the new agreement at New Orleans will be in all probability feature Jimmy Clabby, the middleweight title holder, under contract to Mr. Tortorich to fight Clabby or any one he may select. It will be held until the big series of championship matches held July 4 will be the date of the Clabby match with the middleweight limit.

**Boxing Bills Pending.** With the passage of bills legalizing boxing in Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, the middleweight title holder will be able to fight in those states. The bills in Minnesota and Michigan have not yet been passed, but there is little doubt that they will be passed in the near future.

As for the future of the boxing game in the small town element, which is always certain to develop, had Wisconsin limited the granting of licenses to cities like Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha, Madison and possibly one other, the chances are there would have been no opposition to the law.

The session of the legislature at Madison in the past month. Ohio tolerates boxing in a number of cities so that there are few of the hard cities in the middle west where the game is not permitted. It will mean more clubs now with Michigan added to the list and more work for the army of boxers.

It is too bad there are not more states where the 20 round battles are permitted, as it would enable promoters to hold real championship boxing matches and create real titles instead of ready-made ones via the no-decision route.

However, better to have 10 round contests without decisions than none at all.

**40 Year Kid Still Going.** The Dixie Kid, of Memphis, Tenn., who has made his home in France and England the past four years, is rather a remarkable boxer. He is well along toward the 40 year mark and still capable of going the marathon route without trouble. He claimed the welterweight title one time, but he had no legitimate claim to it, other than a drawn contest with Jimmy Clabby.

Dixie has had some severe battles with the top heavyweights and other good fighters, he was just a bit below the required standard to be a champion. His retirement has been announced several times during the past few years, but somehow he refuses "to be retired."

A few weeks ago he was matched with Billy Williams, a young and husky right-hander, who is a club in London. It was Dixie's seventh "comeback," but while he appeared to be a man who could not stand the pace and had to reserve his strength, the result being a victory for Williams at the end of 20 rounds.

**Tennis Players Arriving Here.** Contestants for the Border States tennis tournament, which opens on the courts of the El Paso Country club on Thursday morning, May 27, at 10 o'clock, are already arriving in the city.

Phil Lynch, the Denver expert, declares the climatic conditions here are superior to those of any other place he has decided to do his practice work here and is already in the city. Members of the Country club are also enthusiastic over the work of A. Salazar of Chihuahua. He won the Illinois state championship last year and is now working out here with the idea of taking the southwestern honors.

He is accompanied by J. Acosta, who is also making a favorable impression. Brainerd Hilliard, former amateur champion of England, who is now visiting on a cattle ranch near Alpine, has sent in his entry and will have to be considered a serious contender for the singles honors.

Another contestant who has won honors in big tournaments is J. R. Adone, Jr. of New York. His entry was received on Tuesday.

**Interest Is Intense.** Carl A. Beers has just returned from an automobile trip which took him into every city and town in the state of Arizona and he states that in all his experience he has never found so much interest in a tennis tournament as now exists in Arizona where the players are determined to make a good showing for the honor of their state.

Entries for the tournament will close at noon on May 25 and the first drawing will be made early on the following morning and the pairings published in The Herald. The tournament play starts at 9 a. m. on Thursday morning, May 27, and will be continued until the tournament is over. It is expected that matches will be played daily from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. for about five days.

Roswell has sent in one of the largest entries of any town and city there will be ten contestants from that city.

The Tucson and Phoenix entries have not yet been received but are expected to be very heavy.

## BASEBALL RESULTS

TUESDAY'S GAMES

### STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

#### No Grande Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Albuquerque	2	1	.667	375-379
Phoenix	2	2	.500	332-333
Las Cruces	2	2	.500	334-335
Tucson	2	3	.400	250-258
Douglas	2	3	.400	250-258

#### Scheduled Today.

Douglas at El Paso.

Las Cruces at Albuquerque.

#### National League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Philadelphia	14	7	.667	432-436
Pittsburgh	14	8	.632	409-413
Cincinnati	12	9	.571	391-445
Cleveland	11	10	.524	345-349
Chicago	11	12	.476	410-414
St. Louis	11	14	.440	402-433
Brooklyn	9	13	.409	426-431
New York	8	15	.346	322-434

#### American League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Detroit	17	7	.708	421-432
New York	12	12	.500	413-421
Chicago	10	10	.500	369-379
Boston	9	9	.500	376-377
Washington	10	11	.476	368-435
Philadelphia	8	13	.385	423-431
St. Louis	8	13	.385	350-358

#### Federal League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Pittsburgh	14	11	.560	377-389
Newark	12	11	.524	349-359
Cincinnati	12	12	.500	329-339
St. Louis	10	12	.455	375-385
Baltimore	10	13	.435	384-394
Buffalo	8	13	.385	340-379

#### Texas League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Galveston	17	7	.708	380-381
Pittsburg	16	10	.615	371-372
Houston	14	12	.538	374-375
Dallas	14	12	.538	374-375
Waco	12	12	.500	374-375
Shreveport	14	15	.483	374-375
San Antonio	14	15	.483	374-375
Beaumont	12	15	.444	374-375

#### Western League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Denver	14	8	.632	374-375
Omaha	14	8	.632	374-375
San Francisco	14	8	.632	374-375
Portland	14	8	.632	374-375
Seattle	14	8	.632	374-375
Spokane	14	8	.632	374-375
Wichita	14	8	.632	374-375

#### American Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Indianapolis	17	8	.680	374-375
Minneapolis	14	9	.609	374-375
St. Paul	12	12	.500	374-375
Kansas City	12	12	.500	374-375
Omaha	12	12	.500	374-375
Des Moines	12	12	.500	374-375
Columbus	12	12	.500	374-375

#### Pacific Coast League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
San Francisco	17	7	.708	374-375
Los Angeles	16	10	.615	374-375
San Diego	14	12	.538	374-375
Portland	14	12	.538	374-375
Oakland	14	12	.538	374-375
Seattle	14	12	.538	374-375
Spokane	14	12	.538	374-375

#### Southern Association.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Birmingham	17	8	.680	374-375
New Orleans	14	10	.583	374-375
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Chattanooga	12	12	.500	374-375
Memphis	12	12	.500	374-375
Mobile	12	12	.500	374-375
Little Rock	12	12	.500	374-375

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
New York	100	60	.625	2-2
Baltimore	102	60	.625	2-2
Batteries:	New York, Keating and Sweney; Nunnemaker; Cleveland, Hagerman and Ryan.			

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Washington	100	110	.476	2-2
Chicago	100	100	.500	2-2
Batteries:	Washington, Shaw and Henry; Chicago, Scott, Bens and Dwyer.			

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.	Winn. Loss
Boston	100	110	.476	2-2
Detroit	100	110	.476	2-2
Batteries:	Boston, Ruth, Maye and Thomas; Detroit, Daus and Baker.			

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

St. Louis	100	100	.500	2-2
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Batteries:	Philadelphia, Shawkey and Schang; St. Louis, Hoch and			